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Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Ave NW, Suite 200  
Washington DC 20268-0001

Attention: The Postal Regulatory Commission,

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POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I object to the final determination to close the Burns Post Office. The Burns Post Office is a Centennial Post Office, being a mainstay in our community for over the past 100 years.

If the Burns Post Office were closed, Burns would lose some of its identity, the opportunity to promote economic development and the quality of life for the ranchers and citizens that reside here. The building is already here, with the land being leased for only \$1.00 per year. Your letter shows the salary as a postmaster not as an officer in charge, so you have not been forthcoming when stating the economic savings. Also will the renter of the land allow the post office to use the land if our post office is closed or will you loose the lease, then where will the cluster boxes go?

There are other post offices that can be combined but we are in a very remote area. It would be a 23-mile drive to the McCoy Post Office on dirt roads compounded by the weather for services not provided by the rural route carrier, which would be a hardship for the elderly, businesses, and others in our community.

We deserve convenient access to all the post office services for our continued economic growth and development in our rural community. We urge you to reconsider on the proposal to close the Burns Post Office and establish service by the rural route service. Due to bad weather and snow there will not be a specific time that she will be in Burns to obtain other services.

Sincerely yours,

*Pat & Niki Luark*

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